Case 7116-1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

Herbert BUSSE et al. : Group Art Unit: 3676

Serial No.: 10/615,400 : Confirmation No. 8469

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For: LOW-FRICTION SEAL :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.